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HIGHLIGHTS

The 1983 Statistics for Telephone Companies in Pennsylvania indicate that:

* Operating revenues increased 161% from $1,228 million in 1973 to $3,202 million in 1983. Net income after taxes increased 154% from $151 million in 1973 to $383 million in 1983. See Table 1.

* The number of telephones in use decreased over 1,400,000 from 1982 to 1983 while the number of subscribers decreased 7,000. See Table 2.

* During the past year operating revenue increased $209 million, while net income after taxes increased $52 million. See Table 3.

* Operating revenue for the 16 largest telephone companies excluding Bell of Pennsylvania increased from 1982 to 1983. Net income, after taxes increased for thirteen of the companies and decreased for three. See Table 4.

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1983 CENSUS OF PUBLIC UTILITIES IN PENNSYLVANIA

A. INTRODUCTION

This report presents data for telephone utilities collected in the 1983 Census of Public Utilities in Pennsylvania, as provided in the Act of April 20, 1921, P.L. 193, as amended. Completeness of coverage and classification of public utilities are checked by cooperative interchange of information with federal and state agencies. The 1983 calendar year is the period covered by this report.

B. DEFINITIONS AND EXPLANATIONS

(1) This report presents data for telephone utilities operating in Pennsylvania with $1,000 or more gross operating revenue. The telephone utilities have been divided into three categories:

(a) American Telephone and Telegraph Company and its subsidiaries.
(b) Bell Telephone Company of Pennsylvania.
(c) Independent Telephone Companies.

(2) Net investment - Telephone plant in service, including land as of December 31, 1983 less any depreciation reserves.

(3) Capital expenditures - Actual or estimated value of construction put in place, plus cost of equipment and machinery purchased.

(4) Number of employees - Average number of employees who received pay for any part of the pay period ending nearest the 15th of March, May, August, and November. Employees include persons on paid vacations, but exclude members of the armed forces and pensioners carried on the utility's active rolls. Corporate officers are included, while proprietors and partners of unincorporated utilities and contract employees are excluded.

(5) Wages and salaries - Gross earnings during the reported year, prior to such deductions as employees' Social Security contributions, withholding taxes, group insurance, and union dues. Included are commissions, dismissal pay, all bonuses, vacation and sick-leave pay, and the value of compensation in kind.

C. COMPARABILITY OF DATA WITH OTHER STATISTICAL SERIES

Pennsylvania statistics on telephone companies are also collected by the Federal Communications Commission and published in a release called "Statistics of the Communications Industry in the United States." In general, the statistics in the F. C. C. release are directly comparable with those presented in this release.

D. AVAILABILITY OF DATA FOR INDIVIDUAL UTILITIES

Individual telephone utility reports are available for inspection in the Bureau of Statistics, Research, and Planning in the Department of Commerce.

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TABLE 1

NET INVESTMENT, OPERATING REVENUE, NET INCOME,
AND SUBSCRIBERS FOR TELEPHONE COMPANIES IN PENNSYLVANIA: 1973-1983

	1983	1973	% Change 1983 to 1973
Net Investment ($ millions)			
In Current Dollars	$ 6,588	$ 3,322	+98.3
In 1973 Dollars	$ 3,228	$ 3,322	-2.8
Number of Employees	38,231	44,635	-14.3
Wages and Salaries ($ millions)			
In Current Dollars	$ 1,082	$ 512	+111.3
In 1973 Dollars	$ 530	$ 512	+3.5
Average Annual Wage Per Employee			
In Current Dollars	$28,300	$11,473	+146.7
In 1973 Dollars	$13,867	$11,473	+20.9
Total Operating Revenues ($ millions)			
In Current Dollars	$ 3,202	$ 1,228	+160.7
In 1973 Dollars	$ 1,569	$ 1,228	+27.8
Net Income Before Taxes ($ millions)			
In Current Dollars	$ 945	$ 387	+144.2
In 1973 Dollars	$ 463	$ 387	+19.6
Net Income After Taxes ($ millions)			
In Current Dollars	$ 383	$ 151	+153.6
In 1973 Dollars	$ 188	$ 151	+24.5
Number - Business Subscribers (thousands)	543	520	+4.4
Number - Residential Subscribers (thousands)	4,218	3,784	+11.5
Total Number - Subscribers (thousands)	4,761	4,304	+25.8
Total Phones (thousands)	8,158	8,268	-1.3
Average Number of Phones Per Subscriber	1.71	1.92	-10.9
Average Revenue Per Phone			
In Current Dollars	$392.55	$148.54	+164.3
In 1973 Dollars	$192.34	$148.54	+29.5
Net Investment Per Subscriber			
In Current Dollars	$ 1,384	$ 772	+79.3
In 1973 Dollars	$ 678	$ 772	-12.2

TABLE 2

PLANT IN SERVICE, EMPLOYMENT, WAGES AND SALARIES, NUMBER OF TELEPHONES AND NUMBER OF SUBSCRIBERS FOR TELEPHONE COMPANIES IN PENNSYLVANIA: 1983 AND 1982

[Money figures in thousands of dollars]

Item	Total		American Telephone & Telegraph Co. 1/		Bell Telephone Company 2/		Independent telephone companies	
	1983	1982	1983	1982	1983	1982	1983	1982
Number of telephone companies	54	56	3	3	1	1	50	52
Telephone plant in service, including land	$8,679,366	$8,344,813	$620,900	$558,768	$6,229,903	$6,017,779	$1,828,563	$1,768,265
Less: Depreciation reserve	2,091,680	1,819,971	161,959	143,997	1,339,658	1,147,516	590,063	527,458
Net investment	6,587,686	6,525,842	458,941	410,802	4,890,244	4,870,263	1,238,501	1,240,808
Capital expenditures	687,598	751,608	39,620	30,505	488,148	557,252		163,851
Number of employees	38,231	40,119	2,126	1,956	28,686	30,367	7,419	7,796
Wages and salaries	$1,081,942	$1,065,231	$61,666	$56,250	$848,603	$842,681	$171,673	$166,300
Number of telephone exchanges	1,377	1,368	3/	3/	938	926	439	442
Number of telephones in use 4/ (thousands)	8,158	9,569	3/	3/	6,426	7,633	1,732	1,936
Number of telephone subscribers (thousands)	4,761	4,768	3/	3/	3,645	3,611	1,116	1,157
Number of business subscribers (thousands)	543	516	3/	3/	377	349	166	166
Number of residential subscribers (thousands)	4,218	4,252	3/	3/	3,268	3,262	950	990

Detail may not add to total because of rounding.

1/ Includes two subsidiaries owned and operated by the American Telephone and Telegraph Company in Pennsylvania, the American Telephone and Telegraph Company of Pennsylvania and the East Pittsburgh Telephone Company
2/ While wholly owned by the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, the Bell Telephone Company of Pennsylvania is a separate operating company.
3/ Does not operate exchanges. Operations of these companies consist of perating interstate and international toll lines.
4/ Includes extention phones.

TABLE 3

REVENUES AND EXPENSES OF THE BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY AND INDEPENDENT TELEPHONE COMPANIES IN PENNSYLVANIA: 1983 AND 1982

[Money figures in thousands of dollars]

Revenue and expenses	Total		Bell Telephone Company		Independent telephone companies	
	1983	1982	1983	1982	1983	1982
Operating revenues, total	$3,202,436	$2,993,499	$2,595,059	$2,432,802	$607,377	$560,697
Revenue from local service	1,626,660	1,505,186	1,373,653	1,256,832	253,006	348,109
Revenue from toll service 2/	1,417,997	1,352,330	1,085,530	1,059,220	332,467	293,109
Other operating revenues 3/	157,779	135,983	135,876	116,749	21,903	19,234
Operating expenses, total	2,074,089	2,029,009	1,691,173	1,674,788	382,916	354,222
Maintenance expenses	632,836	611,238	516,569	498,344	116,267	112,894
Other operating expenses	890,507	898,925	748,053	769,042	142,454	129,883
Depreciation and amortization	550,745	518,846	426,550	407,402	124,195	111,444
Non-operating revenue 4/	3,356	13,248	17,564	4,967	15,792	8,281
Non-operating expenses 5/	216,250	213,507	159,450	159,600	56,800	53,907
Net income, before taxes	945,453	764,231	762,000	603,381	183,452	160,849
Taxes	562,613	433,763	458,647	343,465	103,966	90,298
Net income, after taxes	382,840	330,467	303,353	259,917	79,487	70,551

Detail may not add to total because of rounding.

1/ Does not include the American Telephone and Telegraph Company or its two owned and operated subsidiaries in Pennsylvania (the American Telegraph and Telephone Company of Pennsylvania and the East Pittsburgh Telephone Company), because the business of these companies is interstate and international and therefore not accounted for by state.
2/ Includes long distance calls and public pay telephones.
3/ Includes rental of the phone facilities, telegraph commissions, directory advertising and sales, and other miscellaneous operating revenues less any uncollectible revenue.
4/ Includes dividends, interest received, rental, property sold, and incidental income.
5/ Includes interest carrying charges on inactive assets, bonuses to executives, and loss from fire or flood.

TABLE 4

INVESTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, SUBSCRIBERS, REVENUE, EXPENSES AND NET INCOME FOR INDEPENDENT TELEPHONE COMPANIES IN PENNSYLVANIA: 1983 AND 1982

(Money figures in thousands of dollars.)

	Total		The General Telephone Company of Pennsylvania		The United Telephone Company of Pennsylvania	
	1983	1982	1983	1982	1983	1982
Net investment	$1,238,501	$1,240,808	$406,993	$413,247	$250,716	$251,379
Capital expenditures	$159,830	$163,851	$ 46,669	$62,333	$ 38,724	$22,566
Number of employees	7,419	7,796	2,764	3,002	1,730	1,844
Wages and salaries	$ 171,673	$ 166,300	$ 62,860	$ 53,373	$ 40,978	$ 39,068
Number of telephone exchanges	439	442	62	62	91	90
Number of telephones in use	1,731,604	1,935,904	541,063	599,456	283,574	377,017
Number of subscribers	1,115,637	1,156,978	368,795	366,283	170,612	223,232
Business subscribers	165,713	166,524	67,558	65,787	22,877	27,519
Residential subscribers	949,923	990,454	301,237	300,496	147,735	195,713
Operating revenue	$ 607,377	$ 560,697	$204,967	$200,051	$124,724	$118,436
Operating expenses	382,916	354,222	140,141	132,711	73,282	69,042
Non-operating revenue	15,792	8,281	6,769	1,228	1,332	2,077
Non-operating expenses	56,800	53,907	21,103	19,562	8,120	9,655
Net income, before taxes	183,452	160,849	50,492	49,006	44,655	41,815
Taxes	103,966	90,298	29,764	27,445	26,510	24,824
Net income, after taxes	79,487	70,551	20,728	21,561	18,145	16,991

	Commonwealth Telephone Company		ALLTEL Pennsylvania, Inc 1/		North Pittsburgh Telephone Company	
	1983	1982	1983	1982	1983	1982
Net investment	$130,394	$134,328	$126,700	$120,768	$ 34,626	$ 37,066
Capital expenditures	$ 14,853	$ 12,959	$ 18,308	$ 18,554	$ 3,904	$ 5,139
Number of employees	747	654	625	646	242	260
Wages and salaries	$ 16,843	$ 14,280	$ 14,449	$ 13,717	$ 5,632	$ 5,726
Number of telephone exchanges	77	76	52	50	8	8
Number of telephones in use	254,870	248,045	185,261	188,029	47,997	53,850
Number of subscribers	141,706	139,145	115,828	112,801	32,604	31,758
Business subscribers	15,534	15,488	15,313	14,843	5,207	4,918
Resident subscribers	126,172	123,657	100,515	97,958	27,397	26,840
Operating revenue	$ 67,820	$ 54,944	$ 57,564	$ 50,248	$ 21,824	$ 18,221
Operating expenses	40,840	32,221	37,712	33,240	12,970	10,306
Non-operating revenue	1,885	1,690	-206	568	1,940	646
Non-operating expenses	7,083	6,780	5,018	4,615	1,391	1,354
Net income, before taxes	21,783	19,634	14,629	12,960	9,404	7,207
Taxes	12,217	10,324	6,680	5,588	5,296	4,065
Net income, after taxes	9,565	9,310	7,948	7,372	4,107	3,142

	Continental Telephone Company of Pennsylvania		The Conestoga Telephone and Telegraph Company		Denver and Ephrata Telephone and Telegraph Company	
	1983	1982	1983	1982	1983	1982
Net investment	$38,266	$37,408	$26,277	$25,881	$25,737	$26,113
Capital expenditures	$ 3,942	$ 4,865	$ 3,126	$ 2,352	$ 3,608	$ 2,089
Number of employees	267	263	123	127	131	128
Wages and salaries	$ 6,447	$ 5,885	$ 3,311	$ 3,151	$ 3,035	$ 2,725
Number of telephone exchanges	13	15	10	10	6	6
Number of telephones in use	42,324	60,104	48,000	45,216	48,183	53,813
Number of subscribers	41,207	40,749	30,459	27,294	29,127	28,437
Business subscribers	8,990	8,949	5,699	3,136	3,835	3,696
Residential subscribers	32,217	31,800	24,760	24,158	25,292	24,741
Operating revenue	$18,012	$17,102	$ 13,417	$ 11,283	$13,387	$10,608
Operating expenses	12,151	11,178	7,014	6,800	6,428	5,473
Non-operating revenue	1,834	182	28	14	123	8
Non-operating expenses	3,530	1,706	1,260	1,380	870	771
Net income, before taxes	4,166	4,400	5,171	3,117	6,212	4,371
Taxes	2,546	2,592	2,857	1,671	3,674	2,369
Net income, after taxes	1,619	1,808	2,314	1,446	2,538	2,002

	Quaker State Telephone Company		Murraysville Telephone Company		Brookville Telephone Company	
	1983	1982	1983	1982	1983	1982
Net investment	$ 27,001	$ 26,238	$ 26,558	$ 26,485	$ 25,556	$ 26,206
Capital expenditures	$ 5,811	$ 2,932	$ 1,768	$ 5,392	$ 1,733	$ 4,491
Number of employees	34	38	93	100	85	95
Wages and salaries	$ 857	$ 977	$ 2,157	$ 2,114	$ 2,153	$ 2,139
Number of telephone exchanges	19	22	5	5	17	17
Number of telephones in use	27,349	35,544	37,447	42,481	29,199	29,831
Number of subscribers	23,772	23,674	19,870	19,852	17,674	17,619
Business subscribers	2,058	2,323	2,342	2,327	1,937	1,957
Residential subscribers	21,714	21,351	17,528	17,525	15,737	15,662
Operating revenue	$ 11,732	$ 10,462	$ 10,888	$ 9,533	$ 8,734	$ 7,664
Operating expenses	7,692	6,886	5,936	5,495	5,680	5,244
Non-operating revenue	265	143	460	500	221	206
Non-operating expenses	1,485	1,096	1,066	1,008	1,497	1,480
Net income, before taxes	2,820	2,624	4,346	3,530	1,777	1,146
Taxes	1,624	1,500	2,297	1,750	941	642
Net income, after taxes	1,196	1,124	2,049	1,780	836	504

	Bethel and Mt. Aetna Telephone and Telegraph Company		Enterprise Telephone Company		Buffalo Valley Telephone Company	
	1983	1982	1983	1982	1983	1982
Net investment	$ 20,945	$ 21,019	$ 12,827	$ 11,268	$ 9,360	$ 9,324
Capital expenditures	$ 3,776	$ 2,534	$ 2,765	$ 1,005	$ 785	$ 1,537
Number of employees	87	105	65	70	67	67
Wages and salaries	$ 2,061	$ 2,207	$ 1,538	$ 1,470	$ 1,669	$ 1,545
Number of telephone exchanges	8	8	4	4	2	2
Number of telephones in use	29,581	32,050	22,375	24,532	22,752	22,356
Number of subscribers	20,203	19,895	12,991	14,166	13,724	11,857
Business subscribers	2,756	2,707	2,105	3,630	1,891	1,620
Residential subscribers	17,447	17,188	10,886	10,536	11,833	10,237
Operating revenue	$ 8,974	$ 8,709	$ 7,050	$ 6,030	$ 5,584	$ 4,659
Operating expenses	5,616	5,236	3,140	2,931	2,931	2,776
Non-operating revenue	269	104	129	52	131	51
Non-operating expenses	816	711	487	578	385	352
Net income, before taxes	2,811	2,865	3,553	2,573	2,399	1,582
Taxes	1,539	1,514	1,914	1,420	1,364	945
Net income, after taxes	1,272	1,352	1,639	1,153	1,053	637

	The Northeastern Pennsylvania Telephone Company		Palmerton Telephone Company		Other Independent Telephone Companies	
	1983	1982	1983	1982	1983	1982
Net investment	$ 6,128	$ 6,005	$ 5,528	$ 5,161	$ 54,887	$ 62,912
Capital expenditures	$ 783	$ 570	$ 672	$ 2,333	$ 8,601	$ 12,199
Number of employees	40	40	26	26	293	331
Wages and salaries	$ 1,014	$ 1,003	$ 490	$ 446	$ 6,179	$ 6,146
Number of telephone exchanges	8	8	4	4	53	58
Number of telephones in use	11,177	11,132	10,515	10,350	89,937	102,098
Number of subscribers	7,887	7,700	7,071	6,906	62,106	65,610
Business subscribers	753	722	996	865	5,862	6,037
Residential subscribers	7,134	6,978	6,075	6,041	56,244	59,573
Operating revenue	$ 3,539	$ 2,950	$ 2,904	$ 2,492	$ 26,253	$ 25,304
Operating expenses	2,111	2,057	1,932	1,559	17,341	18,066
Non-operating revenue	-35	78	8	2/	639	736
Non-operating expenses	434	372	459	443	1,796	2,044
Net income, before taxes	958	598	522	490	7,755	5,930
Taxes	404	285	252	258	4,104	3,106
Net income, after taxes	554	313	270	231	3,651	2,824

Detail may not add to total because of rounding.

1/ Effective December 16, 1983, the Mid-Penn Telephone Company changed its name to ALLTEL Pennsylvania Incorporated. The Clearfield and Cambria Telephone Company was merged into ALLTEL Pennsylvania Incorporated.

2/ Less than $500.